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quarantine against the town, which was not raised until late on Tuesday afternoon. Early Sunday morning, the 20th, to reassure the Americans in this country, I sent a telegram, a copy of which is inclosed, to Consul Macrum, at Pretoria. The plague scare is now dying out, and everyone in authority seems to be satisfied that the port is clean and uninfected. My previous dispatch relating to the plague is my No. 42 of January 20, 1899.

Respectfully, yours,

W. STANLEY HOLLIS,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.—Telegram.]

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, *August 20, 1899.*

Governor-general informed me Saturday evening that at native village on Icomati River, about 60 miles from here, 30 Kafirs had recently died of mysterious disease. Government doctor sent to investigate has not yet been heard from. These facts gave rise to rumor that plague had appeared here. Governor-general denies such rumors. I am satisfied that there is no plague or mysterious disease within 50 miles of this port, and shall give clean bills of health until further notice. Please pass this telegram on to Colonel Stowe.

W. STANLEY HOLLIS,
United States Consul.

AMERICAN CONSUL, *Pretoria.*

BRAZIL.

Vital statistics of Bahia for May, 1899.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *September 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report setting forth the vital statistics of Bahia for the month of May, 1899. I have compiled this report from the official figures published this day in the official paper.

Respectfully, yours,

H. W. FURNISS,
United States Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of Bahia for the month of May, 1899.

Maximum temperature.....	28. 5° C.
Minimum temperature.....	21. 0°
Average temperature.....	25. 87°
Average relative humidity.....	85. 01°
Rainfall.....	180 mm.
Rainy days.....	11
Prevailing winds.....	NE, E, S, N.
Cases of infectious diseases:	
Yellow fever (a)—	
Male.....	106
Female.....	19
Treated in residence.....	82
Died in residence.....	22
Treated in hospitals.....	43
Died in hospitals.....	30
Smallpox, male.....	1
Deaths.....	0
Race, negro.....	1
Treated in hospitals.....	1
Had never been vaccinated.....	1

(a) Acclimatization of yellow fever cases: Ten of less than one month, 24 of one to two months, 6 of two to three months, 7 of three to four months, 2 of four to five months, 4 of five to six months, 2 of seven to eight months, 1 of eight to nine months, 2 of nine to ten months, 13 of eleven to twelve months, 6 of one to two years, 7 of 3 years, 3 of 4 years, 2 of 5 years, 3 of 7 years, 2 of eight years, 1 of 12 years.

Nationality.—Brazilian, 45; Portuguese, 23; Spanish, 16; French, 2; English, 5; German, 1; Swiss, 2; Russian, 2; Norwegian, 9; Swedes, 1; Arabs, 2; unknown, 1.

Vital statistics of Bahia for the month of May, 1899—Continued.

Lepers in hospital close of April :	
Male	14
Female.....	1
Died, male.....	1
Entered during month of May.....	0
Births, alive (a)—	
Male	31
Female.....	29
Legitimate.....	31
Illegitimate	29
Births, stillborn	19
Deaths.....	711
Male.....	412
Female.....	299
Nationality :	
Arabian.....	1
African	16
Argentine.....	1
Brazilian.....	641
English.....	3
French.....	2
Greek.....	1
Mexican.....	1
Italian	8
Portuguese	21
Russian.....	1
Spanish.....	11
Unknown.....	4
Causes of death—	
Beriberi.....	36
Enteric fever.....	12
Leprosy.....	1
Smallpox.....	0
Typhus fever.....	0
Yellow fever.....	52
Bright's disease.....	5
Bronchitis.....	14
Carcinoma.....	5
Cerebral hemorrhage and congestion.....	21
Diabetes	4
Diarrhea and dysentery	114
Diseases of circulatory system.....	52
Elephantiasis.....	1
Influenza.....	3
Malarial fevers.....	69
Meningitis	0
Nephritis.....	11
Pneumonia.....	5
Syphilis	5
Tetanus.....	1
Tetanus neonatorum.....	10
Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	62
Other causes.....	219
Died in hospital.....	240

(a) Incomplete.

COSTA RICA.

End of yellow fever epidemic at Alajuela.

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, September 24, 1899.

SIR: I have pleasure in advising that the yellow fever, which has prevailed at the town of Alajuela, Costa Rica, is under control, and no new cases are developing. The Government is engaged in enforcing